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Filed: February 15, 2000  
Title: **APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR OPTIMIZING PACKET  
LENGTH IN TOL NETWORKS**

Group Art Unit: 2662  
Examiner: Tsegaye

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22313-14501

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 27, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims based upon the remarks that follow:

**A listing the claims begins on the following page.**

**Remarks begin on page 5.**